

Sustainable Development and Post 2015 Development Agenda: Global Context and Regional Aspirations

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Post 2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development

- ▶ **Part 1: Global Context**
 - Processes emanating from Rio+20
 - Intergovernmental and other Processes leading to Post-2015 agenda
 - Inputs to processes
- ▶ **Part 2: Regional Aspirations**
 - Where do Regions stand

Intergovernmental processes

- ▶ Processes emanating from RIO+20
- ▶ **High Level Political Forum** - provide political leadership, guidance, and recommendations for sustainable development, enhance integration of three dimensions of sustainable development and monitor and review implementation of sustainable development
 - 1st meeting in 2013, *Building the Future We Want: From Rio+20 to the post 2015 Development Agenda*
 - Theme for the second forum (July 2014) "Achieving the MDGs and charting the way for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda, including the sustainable development goals"
 - Starting 2016, HLPF will conduct regular state-led reviews on implementation of Sustainable development commitments and objectives

Intergovernmental Committee of Experts in Sustainable Development Financing

- ▶ **Objective:** Propose effective concrete sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development agenda
- ▶ Final report expected before GA, Sept 2014
 - Total 5 sessions, upcoming 4th session in May 2014
- ▶ IGC-SD organizes its work in **3 thematic clusters**
 - Cluster 1: Assessing the financial needs, mapping of current flows and emerging trends, and the impact of domestic and international environments
 - Cluster 2: Mobilisation of resources and their effective use
 - Cluster 3: Institutional arrangements, policy coherence, synergies and governance issues

Open Working Group on SDGs

- ← A 30 member **OWG** of the GA tasked to prepare a **Proposal on SDGs**
- ← Holding regular and direct meetings with member states from March 2013 to July 2014 (Full involvement of stakeholders, civil society, UN)
 - **19 Focus Areas formulated after 8 stock taking sessions,**
 - Final OWG Report, Sept 2014

Open Working Group on SDGs

- ← 10th session ongoing (31Mar-4thApr) for in-depth discussion of **19 Focus Areas in 8 clusters**

-Poverty eradication -Promote equality	-Gender equality -Education -Health -Employment and decent work	-Water and Sanitation -Sustainable agriculture, -Food Security & Nutrition	-Economic growth Industrialization Infrastructure Energy
-Sustainable cities and human settlements -Promote sustainable consumption and production -Climate	-Conservation & Sustainable use of marine resources -Ecosystems and biodiversity	-Means of implementation -Global Partnership for sustainable development	-Peaceful & non violent societies, rule of law and capable institutions

Joint Meeting OWG & IGESDF

- ▶ Joint meeting during the third day of the ninth session of OWG, March 2014
- ▶ Most prominent issues discussed by member states:
 - South: Principle of Common but differentiated Responsibility (CBDR) should guide the formulation of SDGs; MOI, including a still valid role for ODA and meeting its commitments;
 - North: selective, if any, application of CBDR; skepticism about mainstreaming MOI in SDGs, diminishing role for ODA and effective use of existing ODA; no place for sustainable consumption and production patterns in SDGs [US]; Focus on universal human rights, in particular no discrimination based on race, religion, class, gender identity and gender orientation.

Technology Facilitation Mechanism?

- ▶ Technology recognized as one of the key means of implementation in RIO+20 outcome
- ▶ SG report prepared on Options for a TFM in follow-up to Rio+20 outcome
- ▶ Four GA one-day Workshops in 2013
 - ▶ April 2013 Workshop 1: Technology needs of developing countries and options to address them: *Focus on science and R&D capabilities*¹
 - ▶ May 2013 Workshop 2: Technology needs of developing countries and options to address them: *Moving from R&D to widespread adoption of environmentally sound technologies*
 - ▶ 30 May 2013 Workshop 3: Capacity building to enhance the development, adoption and use of clean and environmentally sound technologies in developing countries
 - ▶ 31 May 2013 Workshop 4: The way forward: Strengthening the international architecture for environmentally sound technology development, transfer and dissemination
- ▶ No clear follow up

Other Processes

- ▶ **GA special event on MDGs** held in Sept 2013: SD at core of post-2015 universal agenda
- ▶ **Setting the Stage for post 2015 Development Agenda**: Three High level events and three thematic discussions hosted by PGA (Feb-Jun 2014)
- ▶ **Climate Change Summit** - UNFCCC process and upcoming SG hosted Summit (Sept 2014)
- ▶ **Planned negotiations** for upcoming year starting September 2014
- ▶ **Financing For Development**
 - Upcoming 3rd conference in 2015 or 2016
 - 6th High level Dialogue in Oct 2013
 - Global Partnership for Dev. (Busan successor)
 - WB & MDB Discussions

Inputs to the processes

- ▶ **Secretary General's Report** on MDGs and Post 2015 Development Agenda '*A Life of Dignity for All*' - 2013
 - 1) Universality, 2) Sustainable development (focus on extreme poverty, linkages), inclusive economic transformation, 3) peace and governance, 4) new global partnership, 5) being "fit for purpose"
- ▶ **UNTT**
- ▶ *Realizing the Future we Want* (2012) -
 - Three Fundamental Principles: Respect for Human Rights, Equality, Sustainability
- ▶ *A New Global Partnership for All* (2013) - Possible features for global partnership in post 2015 era
 - **Some Recommendations**: Possible stand alone goal on partnerships
 - Multi stake holder partnerships streamlined under each theme
 - Mobilizing resources for development: key component of partnerships
 - More inclusive and equitable global governance
 - Focus on vulnerable countries must continue (mentioned in Goal 8)
 - MDG 8: Choice of Indicators reduced level of ambition (important)
- ▶ *Statistics and Indicators for the Post 2015 Development Agenda* (2013)

Inputs to the Processes

- ▶ **High Level Panel** of Eminent Persons on SDGs - '*A New Global Partnership*' 2013, arguing **5 big Transformative Shifts** to achieve sustainable development
 - Leave no one behind
 - Put sustainable Development at the core
 - Transform economies for jobs and inclusive growth
 - Build peace and effective, open and accountable institutions for all
 - Forge a new global partnership
- ▶ **Sustainable Development Solution Network** -June 2013 Report *An Action Agenda for Sustainable Development* (10 proposed Goals for SDGs)
- ▶ **Global Compact**: 2013 report proposed 10 goals broadly convergent with goals proposed by SDSN and HLP reports
- ▶ **National and global thematic discussions**: '*The Global Conversation Begins*' 2013, UNDG (88 national dialogues and 11 thematic discussions, Survey: My World)

Inputs to the Process Regional Contributions

- ▶ **Inclusive high-level consultations at the regional and sub regional level**
 - Multi stake holder consultations in all regions on follow up to Rio+20 and post 2015 agenda
 - Output from Regional Consultations feeding into the global process of setting SDGs and upcoming post-2015 negotiations through respective constituency
- ▶ **Analytical Inputs**
 - Region-specific analytical reports on the gaps and achievements of MDGs - Good starting points
 - Joint inter-regional publication 'Beyond 2015: The Future United Nations Development Agenda - A Regional Perspective'
<http://www.regionalcommissions.org/post2015regionalreport.pdf>
 - Joint inter-regional publication: 'Regional Perspectives on sustainable Development: Advancing Integration of its Three Dimensions through Regional Action' (currently in print)

Where do the Regions Stand?

Africa

- ▶ Sub-regional and Regional consultations (Mombasa/Oct12; Abidjan/Nov12; Addis/Nov12; Abidjan/Dec12; Dakar/Dec12; Hammamat/Mar13; others)
- ▶ **Common Africa Position (CAP) – HoS/G AU Addis/Jan2014**
Six Pillars: Structural Economic transformation and inclusive growth; science, technology and innovation; people-centered development; env't'l sustainability natural resources management and DRM; peace and security and; finance & partnerships
Africa SDGs currently being revised based on issues identified in CAP
- ▶ **Prior prep effort:** Africa Reg'l Consultative Mtg on SDGs, Addis/Nov 2013
 [Eighth session of the committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development and the African Regional Implementation Meeting for the 20th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development]
Six SD priorities suggested: economic development; social development; environment and natural resources; institutions and governance; means of implementation; integrated approach to sustainable development
Twelve SDGs suggested: eradicating poverty, promoting sustainable agriculture & food security & nutrition, inclusive economic growth & acceleration of infrastructure development, environment...
 - SDGs to be built on MDGs and guided by CBDR
- ▶ **Africa Forum for Sustainable Development (for 2015)**

Asia and Pacific

- ▶ Sub-regional & Regional Consultations (Almaty/Sep12; Nadi-Fiji/Oct12; Bangkok/Nov12; Siem Reap-Cambodia/Dec12; Colombo/Feb13; New Delhi/Feb13; others)
- ▶ **Priorities:** Inclusive & sustainable growth; social protection; DRR; MOI, incl trade & global governance
- ▶ **In-depth consultations**
- ▶ Regional consultation on strengthening Income support for vulnerable groups in Asia and Pacific
 - Income support schemes, gaps in pension schemes and social pensions, options for **sustainable pension schemes in AP** (Mar. 2014)
- ▶ Consultative Meeting on Regional Cooperative Mechanisms - **Effective Disaster Management and SD**
- ▶ Asia Pacific Ministerial Dialogue: 'From the MDGs to the UN Development Agenda beyond 2015' (Bangkok/2013)
- ▶ **Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**
 - Inaugural session, May 2014, Theme 'Achieving the MDGs and charting the way for an ambitious post-2015 development agenda, including the SDGs'

Latin America and the Caribbean

- ▶ Regional Consultation on Post 2015 Development Agenda: Follow-up to the development agenda beyond 2015 and Rio+20 in Bogota, Colombia, March 2013
- ▶ **Colombia proposal:** A **global dashboard** with a core set of agreed targets and indicators for each internationally agreed goal - Countries develop their own speed and level for each target
- ▶ Caribbean Forum: Shaping a Sustainable Development Agenda to address the Caribbean Reality in the 21st century
- ▶ Some Regional **Priorities:**
 - Sustained, inclusive, equitable growth
 - People-centered development, Education, literacy employment
 - Enhanced/inclusive governance and stable global governance
 - Poverty eradication, specific focus on certain groups
 - Participation of all segments of the population (amongst others)

Europe and Central Asia

- ▶ Europe and Central Asia Regional Consultation, titled 'Perspectives from Europe and Central Asia on the Post 2015 Development Agenda' (Istanbul/Nov 2013)

Some **key highlights** of discussion:

- Inclusion and equality must be at the core of sustainable development
- Need to accelerate shift from brown to green economies
- Social and Economic development-Education and Health
- Strengthen social protection and Tackle gender discrimination
- ▶ Post 2015 Development Agenda Consultation on Water: Water Management & Water Quality, Feb 2013
 - Meeting drew potential targets and indicators on water
 - Profound technical and political debate and synthesize the discussions of two of the three streams of the water consultation: Water Resources Management and Wastewater Management & Water Quality

Arab Region

- ▶ Arab Regional Consultation on the post-2015 UN Development Agenda (March 2013),
- ▶ Arab Regional Implementation Meeting for the Twentieth Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development (May 2013)
- ▶ Arab High Level Forum for sustainable Development – 10 proposed SDGs addressing:
 - Extreme poverty & hunger; decent jobs; quality education; women empowerment & gender equality; healthy lives; use & management of natural resources; sustainable food production; quality housing & infrastructure services; peaceful societies & effective institutions and; global partnerships for SD

Conclusion and Way Forward

- ▶ Post-2015 for South is about implementation, implementation and implementation
- ▶ Aspirations of South, including for economic transformation, inclusive growth & social protection (infrastructure, energy, transportation, universal health coverage, quality education, SP networks, etc) contrast with reality of MOI (FFD, technology, trade)
- ▶ North – South classic discourse and divide emerging at global level
- ▶ Risk of least common denominator real for post-2015 agenda

Conclusion and Way Forward

- ▶ Global commitments need to be met
- ▶ Increased regionalism & SSC key in addressing South aspirations
- ▶ Innovative approaches on MOI needed in regions and South, including through innovative vehicles for finance and increased regional integration
- ▶ Regional Platforms, like AFSD, critical for addressing SD challenges in the regions in an integrated manner and associated MOI